**287.** *Chief Executive Officers.*—Chief Executive Officers were appointed for all the Boards at the commencement of the year. They functioned under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made in regard to their powers, etc.

**288.** *District Board of Bellary.*—With the merging of the seven taluks of Bellary into the State, Bellary District Board came under the administrative control of the Mysore Government with effect from 1st October 1953. The strength of the Board was 9 members. Two meetings were held. The term of the Board expired on 30th June 1953 when it was placed incharge of a Special Officer. The receipts and expenditure of the Board were Rs. 15,20,815 and Rs. 18,50,359 respectively. It has its own Engineering establishment. The Board maintained a total length of 337 miles and 5 furlongs at a cost of Rs. 55,046.

**289.** It has 283 Elementary Schools and 6 High Schools, 26 Regulated institutions and subsidised dispensaries of modern and Indian medicine.

## (xviii) Municipal Administration.

**290.** There were 105 Town Municipalities in the State at the end of the year as in the previous years. All these Municipalities were reconstituted from 1st April 1952. The total number of meetings held by all the Municipal Councils during the year was 2,176 (2,453).

**291.** The Municipal Councils were requested to frame the bye-laws and rules on the basis of the model bye-laws and rules issued by Government and many of the bye-laws nd rules sanctioned by Government are being adopted in the several Municipalities. Bye-laws and Rules.

**292.** There was fresh imposition of taxes in the Municipalities of the Bangalore District and in the Tumkur and Hassan Municipalities. In the remaining districts there was no fresh imposition of taxes. Fresh imposition of taxes.

**293.** Out of the total demand of Rs. 57,05,031 in all the Municipalities of the State, a sum of Rs. 38,50,082 was collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 18,64,749 at the end of the year. The percentage of collection works up to 60·61 per cent.

PROTECTION

**294.** A sum of Rs. 62,90,674 was advanced to the several Municipalities and out of this, a sum of Rs. 4,34,599 has been recovered, leaving a balance of Rs. 58,56,075 at the end of the year. Further, a sum of Rs. 4,91,078 was sanctioned to the several Municipalities for the execution of water supply schemes and other improvement schemes.

Grant from Government.

**295.** A total grant of Rs. 4,48,454 was sanctioned by Government to the several municipalities for Town Improvement Works and Local Development Works under the Planning Commission and for Famine and Flood Relief Works. A sum of Rs. 64,134 has been sanctioned by Government as grants to several Town Municipal Councils in Hassan District for improvement works.

**296.** Sixty works at a cost of Rs. 3,63,852 were sanctioned under the Scheme of Local Development Works for being taken up for execution by the several Municipalities in the State during the year. This scheme was sponsored by the Planning Commission, Government of India, with the object of creating interest and enthusiasm in the public in the Five-Year Plan and persuade them to play an active role in the implementation of the schemes included in the Plan.

Education.

**297.** There were 38 Municipal High Schools working in the Town Municipalities of Bangalore, Kolar, Tumkur, Chitaldrug and Chikmagalur and Hassan Districts during the year. A sum of Rs. 1,72,469 was spent by the municipalities for the maintenance of these Schools in the Districts of Tumkur, Mandya, Chitaldrug and Hassan.

**Progress under 50 Lakhs (Loan) Water Supply Scheme sanctioned by Government for the Town Municipalities in the State.**

**298.** Forty-two schemes were technically sanctioned by Government for improvement of water supply to various municipalities in the State. The total outlay for the year was Rs. 13,71,610.

Public Safety.

**299.** A sum of Rs. 1,34,644 was spent in the several municipalities in Hassan, Kolar, Tumkur and Mandya Districts towards street lighting and maintenance of public parks and avenue trees during the year.